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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 1,

please add the following title:

**--CIGARETTE--.**

On page 1, after the title and  
before line 1,

please add the following:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.**

N.E. On page 1, line 1,

please delete "1".

On page 1, line 31,

please add the following:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.**